



WAUCONDA HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Wauconda High School Parents,

You may recall that you received a letter from me on Friday, February 23, 2018 outlining the efforts of a first ever student/faculty summit that was convened in response to the tragic school shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida. We have met two additional times as a student/faculty summit, and with input from our students we finalized the details for the upcoming #Chain4Change event scheduled for Wednesday, March 14, 2018. The summit determined that the goal for #Chain4Change is "Linking our individual differences for unified Bulldogs."

On March 14th we will be following an assembly schedule to provide a special block of time for all students to participate in #Chain4Change. The plan is to provide students with three links of paper chain on which they will be asked to write their name on one chain, what they would like to see "changed" on the second chain, and what their planned action step is to promote that change on the third chain. The individual paper chain links will be joined together, first in their classrooms and then together as an entire school on our athletic field. The purpose of the paper chain is to represent the idea that each individual has a stake in taking positive action for change while understanding that we all live in a community of people with diverse ideas and views about affecting change.

After building our chain on the athletic field, the activity will conclude with a balloon launch and then seventeen seconds of silence in memory of the seventeen students and staff who lost their lives one month ago in the tragic school shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida.

We recognize that not all parents may want their high schoolers to participate in this event, and we want parents to know that they have the option to have their high school student opt out if they so choose. Please contact Mrs. Provenzano at 847-526-6611 x 1005 and provide your name and the name of your high schooler if you wish to exercise this right. We will provide an alternate learning space for students who do not participate in the #Chain4Change event.

As a way to spread the word about the event, we have students developing a video that will be played in all classes to help their classmates better understand the purpose of the event and the agenda for the day. Also, we will be meeting with representatives from The Village of Wauconda, Wauconda Police Department, and Wauconda Fire Department to include them in our event and to provide additional support and supervision. Finally, parents who wish to observe the event on March 14th should contact Mrs. Provenzano to complete the required paperwork.

This will be Wauconda High School's only planned event. Students participating in any other walkout or demonstration will be missing their assigned classes, will be responsible for any missed work, and will be assigned appropriate interventions. Thank you for your time, and should you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Yours truly,
Daniel Klett
Principal of Wauconda High School

“Home of the Bulldogs”